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SUBJECT: UN PREFERENCE FOR PORT SAID AS TERMINAL POINT

REF: A. USUN 415 B. ALEXANDRIA 0110 C. ALEXANDRIA 0121

D. CDRMTMC 201430Z FEB 76

1. REF. A CITED UN PREFERENCE FOR PORT SAID OVER ALEXANDRIA AS TERMINAL PORT AND BEGINNING PHASE-OUT OF UNEF PORT OPERATION AT ALEXANDRIA. REF. B ANNOUNCED THAT UNEF CANCELLED CONTRACT FOR 1000 SQUARE METERS STORAGE SPACE PREVIOUSLY RENTED IN FORD ASSEMBLY PLANT IN ALEXANDRIA. REF. C RECONFIRMS UN DECISION TO COMPLETELY PHASE OUT UN PORT OPERATION IN ALEXANDRIA. REF. D RECOMMENDED THAT FLEXIBILITY BE GIVEN TO CDRMTMC IN REGARD TO BOOKING UN SHIPMENTS FOR ALEXANDRIA VS. PORT SAID.

2. SINCE UNEF WILL SHORTLY HAVE NO RPT NO LOGISTICAL ELEMENT OR FACILITIES IN ALEXANDRIA, UN PREFERS NOT RPT NOT TO HAVE TO USE ALEXANDRIA AS TERMINAL PORT. USUN JUST INFORMED THAT UNLOADING OF APPROXIMATELY 3000 METRIC TONS OF EQUIPMENT OFF LASH ATLANTICO IN PORT SAID 13 FEBRUARY PLUS DELIVERY TO MAIN UNEF SUPPLY BASE AT ISMAILIA TOOK TOTAL OF 5 HOURS. UN CONSIDERS THIS EVENT "A MIRACLE" WHEN COMPARED WITH PAST ALEXANDRIA EXPERIENCE.

3. IF, HOWEVER, EXCESSIVE COST OR DELAY WILL BE INCURRED BY
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USING PORT SAID AS TERMINUS, UN WOULD BE WILLING TO TEMPORARILY

DEPLOY NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ALEXANDRIA. IN ANY EVENT, UN
DESIRES TO HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCED NOTICE OF SUCH CONTINGENCY
AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO HAVE INPUT INTO DECISION TO GO OR NOT
TO GO TO PORT SAID.

4. FYI, ONLY PARA. 1, ABOVE, IS CLASSIFIED BECAUSE OF CITED
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